

University Committee on Courses and Curricula

Meeting Minutes - September 24, 2018

Present:

Amanda Athey, Sarah Berry, Uttam Chakravarty, Woohyun Cho, Janet Crane, Kimberly Echols, Yvette Green, Erik Hansen, Linxiong Li, Caroline Noyes, Thomas Wright

Absent:

AbdulRahman Alsamman, Kraig Derstler, Rajni Soharu

Quorum was established for undergraduate and graduate voting.

The minutes from the April 23, 2018 meeting were approved.

Dr. Green, Prof. Hansen, Ms. Berry, and Ms. Crane were re-elected to their respective offices of chair, vice-chair, recording secretary, and syllabi reviewer.

Dr. Noyes offered an update regarding dual enrollment classes. Several zero credit hour courses were created as one time waivers to support the dual enrollment program. An updated set of policies are need to sustain the dual enrollment program including the discontinuation of zero credit hour courses. Department chairs are ultimately responsible for any classes offered as part of this program and classes must be taken for college credit. UCCC will be included in the discussion surrounding the future of this program. Dr. Noyes confirmed that dual enrolled students have full access to UNO including access to the library. Ms. Athey recommended clear objectives and outcomes for the dual enrolled students.

Ms. Athey discussed the impact of changing 7040 courses from 0 to 1 credit hour classes, starting in the Fall 2019 term. The cost to students would increase from \$35 to \$1,300. There are talks about a waiver or discount program. Additionally, there could be a recommendation of adding 2x repeat limit to this course. Dr. Noyes added that some graduate students are not allowed to defend their thesis unless the committee feels their chances of passing are high. The committees usually require majority not unanimity before moving a student forward for defense. Ms. Athey will working on a draft memo that includes these considerations.

Dr. Noyes spoke briefly regarding the Gen Ed committee. Currently, the committee does not report to anyone. Dr. Noyes would like the work of the Gen Ed committee flow to UCCC and be a permanent agenda item. Gen Ed courses make up a 1/3 of a student's program of study and the goal would be for courses to rotate on a 5-7 year cycle.

Per Dr. Noyes, Academic Affairs has reduced the number of nonvoting/consulting members has been reduced to create better balance of voting to nonvoting members. The following positions have been removed from the committee: the undergraduate and graduate student representatives, the academic and first year advisors, the Director of Records and Registration, and the Associate Vice-President for Enrollment Services Dr. Noyes will move to have that advisors and student reps serve at the college level where their presence will have greater impact. For now, the advisors would maintain access to the UCCC Moodle page to review 1000 and 2000 level courses. Additionally, the College of Liberal Arts, Education, and Human Development will have 2 representatives, instead of 4, to match to make up of the college's courses and curriculum committee.

Dr Wright suggested t-shirts for the committee to help promote our work, with a possible slogan "A committee with a purpose".

Proposals

Course/Number	Course Title/Degree Title	Action	Status
EDCI 5251	Materials and Methods in Secondary School Science II	Add	Approved